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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Communication dated June 2, 2006 setting a three (3) month term for reply. As the deadline for filing fell on a Saturday preceding a Federal Holiday, this response is being filed on the next business day, Tuesday, September 5, 2006. As this reply is being timely filed, by the September 2, 2006 deadline, no fee is believed to be due. However, in the event that any unforeseen fees are incurred, the commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additionally required fee for this paper or credit any overpayment in fees for this paper, to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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